

I look forward to the debate. I hope we have a lot of debate. I do not want it to be acrimonious. But I think differences between the political parties are healthy. I think if the differences make a difference to the people we represent, it is even better. The sooner we get substantive, the sooner we have bills out here on the floor, the sooner we have the debate, and the sooner we get on with the work of governance, the better I will like it as a Senator from Minnesota.

Madam President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time under the control of the Democratic leader has expired.

Mr. ENZI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

Mr. ENZI. Thank you, Madam President.

I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed 5 minutes in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ENZI. Thank you.

CONGRATULATING THE DENVER BRONCOS AND COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. ENZI. Madam President, in the last 3 hours there has been some pretty heavy lifting and some excellent debate by both sides about what is to come of this country. But I am going to take just a moment and let everyone relax and reflect a little bit and realize that everything in the world isn't happening right here in Washington. I want to bring some attention to some things that have happened over the last weekend.

One of those, of course, was the Super Bowl game. I want to congratulate those Broncos and people in Wyoming and Colorado who are avid supporters of that team. They did a wonderful job as fans, as players. It was a great game. But something that is not as well known out of this part of the country is that there is the Western Athletic Conference. There are a bunch of basketball players out there that are having a great year.

Some people may have heard about Utah because, frankly, they are No. 4 in the Nation right now. You may have heard about New Mexico because they are also in the top 20 in the Nation. But I want to talk just for a moment about another team that is going to be in that top 20 in the Nation, and that is Colorado State University, a small university in northern Colorado just south of Wyoming. This last weekend we had an event called the "Border Wars." That is an event that has been going on for 101 games in Laramie, WY, alone. They play the other half of the games in Colorado. So the oldest traditional rivalry in basketball, probably, in the United States—101 games. This last weekend was the event of that 101st game.

I cannot convey to you enough the rivalry that we have between these two

schools that have been playing for that long and that are only separated by 45 miles, which out in our part of the country is very little distance.

It is my pleasure to say that Colorado State University won that game. They beat an outstanding team. That is why you are going to hear more about Colorado State University. They won that game 53-46. They got out to a 9-0 lead in the game, then a 15-2 lead, which is almost what their record is this year, 15-3, a pretty outstanding record, particularly in that conference. They are 3-2 in the Western Athletic Conference. But they have won nine of their home games, only losing one. Their coach, Stew Morrill, has done an outstanding job with the team that came back from last year. As most people do not realize, they had that entire team back for another season. And they will have a great season.

So keep your eye on the Western Athletic Conference and particularly Colorado State University.

This is such a rivalry that this last weekend I had the pleasure of hosting Senator ALLARD and his wife Joan for the basketball game in Wyoming. As part of that competition, part of that rivalry, I agreed that if Wyoming lost that game, I would wear this Colorado State tie for a week. It was really fun having the folks from Colorado come up and to have that competition continue. I want to congratulate Senator ALLARD for the outstanding job that they did.

I yield the remainder of my time.

Mr. ALLARD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to be recognized for 2 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado is recognized.

Mr. ALLARD. Madam President, I want to stand up and thank my colleague from Wyoming for having both Joan and I join him and his lovely wife for a great, great basketball game in Laramie, WY. We look forward to a continuation of this rivalry. He is a great sport. I am so pleased that he has agreed to go ahead and wear that tie now for the rest of the week. It makes all of us feel so proud at Colorado State University to see somebody who is such a strong supporter of the University of Wyoming willing to share that win with the rest of the people in Colorado.

So we are looking forward to many, many more rivalries in the Western Athletic Conference with the University of Wyoming in Laramie. I want to wish everybody the very best.

Madam President, I yield back the remainder of my time.

Mr. CONRAD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota is recognized.

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, I will make one correction, if I can. North Dakota.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair apologizes. The Senator from North Dakota is recognized.

Mr. CONRAD. No need to apologize. We often get mixed up with our sister

State. They sometimes call us the four amigos, the four Senators from North and South Dakota. So we are always glad to be put in the class of our friends from South Dakota.

THE FISCAL CONDITION OF OUR COUNTRY

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, last night we heard the President's State of the Union Address. It was an important review of where the country stands. I want a chance to discuss today what I think are some of the most important points that were made last night, the most important points with respect to the fiscal condition of our country.

I came here to the U.S. Senate 12 years ago. The thing that compelled me to run was the fact that fiscal conditions in the country were a disaster. I was convinced that unless steps were taken to get us back on a sound fiscal track, the future economic security of our country was threatened, which would have an adverse effect on the people that I represent in the State of North Dakota. We are very much affected by the national economy.

But I was also concerned about where we were headed in terms of a national legacy. What were we going to leave to our children? Remember those times when we were running massive deficits? It looked like there was no end to red ink. So I came here with a commitment to get our fiscal house in order. I wanted not only to balance the budget, as it is called in Washington, but I also wanted to see us stop the practice of looting the Social Security trust funds in order to make the deficit appear smaller than it really was.

So last night was a very special night for me. I was able to hear a President say he was going to submit a balanced budget for the first time in 30 years. I was also able to hear a President say that he was going to go further than that and he was going to move to stop the practice of raiding and looting Social Security trust fund surpluses.

Madam President, I think that is critically important to the Nation's future. I want to describe what has happened, what is happening and why it matters to people.

I brought this chart along to show precisely what has happened and what the differences are between the budget we talk about here in Washington and what I think any fair commentary would be on the budget. If we go back to 1992, the blue line shows what is termed the unified budget. What has happened to the so-called unified budget? That includes all of the resources of the Federal Government, all the revenues and all the expenditures. Of course, that means it also includes the Social Security surpluses.

The red line shows the budget of the United States if you exclude the Social Security surpluses. What these lines show is that in 1992 we had a unified budget deficit of \$290 billion—\$290 billion. And the projections were that the